

**IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Rainer KUTH et al.

Appl. No.:

Group:

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Examiner:

For:

METHOD OF PUBLISHING AN IMAGE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

February 11, 2002

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

--3. (amended) The method of publishing an image as claimed in claim 1, in which the appliance is a medical appliance (23).--

--5. The method of publishing an image as claimed in claim 1, in which the manufacturer (29), the sales organization or

the marketing organization defines the criterion or the criteria for the assessment of the image (31).--

--6. (amended) The method of publishing an image as claimed in claim 1, in which the criterion or the criteria for assessing the image (31) can be updated via the Internet.--

--7. (amended) The method of publishing an image as claimed in claim 1, in which the manufacturer (29), the sales organization or the marketing organization defines a ranking of published images (31) and publishes it on a further Internet page (70).--

--8. (amended) The method of publishing an image as claimed in claim 1, in which persons (40) viewing the image (31) can assess the image (31) individually.--

--10. (amended) The method of publishing an image as claimed in claim 7, in which there are various rankings for images (31) of various diseases, injuries or patient groups.--

--11. (amended) The method of publishing an image as claimed in claim 3, in which the medical appliance is a computer tomograph, a lithotripter, a magnetic resonance appliance (23) or an X-ray appliance.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in the present application.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited.  
An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

3. The method of publishing an image as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, in which the appliance is a medical appliance (23).

5. The method of publishing an image as claimed in ~~one of~~ ~~claims 1 to 4~~, claim 1, in which the manufacturer (29), the sales organization or the marketing organization defines the criterion or the criteria for the assessment of the image (31).

6. The method of publishing an image as claimed in ~~one of~~ ~~claims 1 to 5~~, claim 1, in which the criterion or the criteria for assessing the image (31) can be updated via the Internet.

7. The method of publishing an image as claimed in ~~one of~~ ~~claims 1 to 6~~, claim 1, in which the manufacturer (29), the sales organization or the marketing organization defines a ranking of published images (31) and publishes it on a further Internet page (70).

8. The method of publishing an image as claimed in ~~one of~~ ~~claims 1 to 7~~, claim 1, in which persons (40) viewing the image (31) can assess the image (31) individually.

10. The method of publishing an image as claimed in ~~one of~~ ~~claims 7 to 9~~, claim 7, in which there are various rankings

for images (31) of various diseases, injuries or patient groups.

11. The method of publishing an image as claimed in ~~one of~~ claims 3 to 10, claim 3, in which the medical appliance is a computer tomograph, a lithotripter, a magnetic resonance appliance (23) or an X-ray appliance.